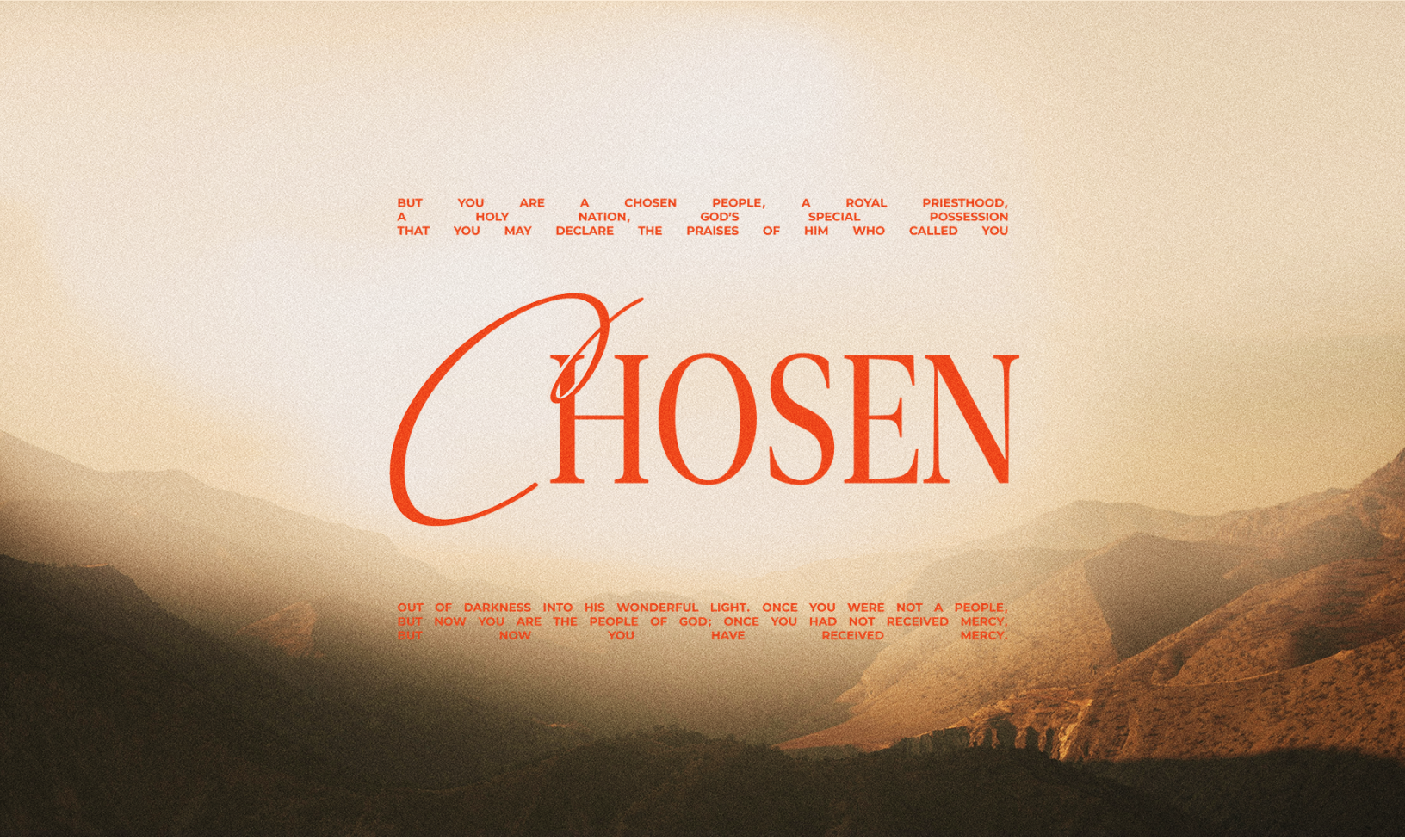


WEEK FOUR

Here I Am

Isaiah 6:1–8

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL · SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

Saying Yes to God's Call

DAY 1 God Sees What You Cannot

READING · ISAIAH 6:1–8

Isaiah did not seek an audience with God. God initiated it. In that moment, Isaiah was confronted with two realities at once: the overwhelming holiness of God and his own profound unworthiness. Yet God did not reject him. He cleansed him. This is the pattern of divine calling. God does not wait for you to become worthy before He pursues you. He meets you in your brokenness, removes what disqualifies you, and then asks a question. The question was not demanding. It was an invitation. Before you can say “here I am,” you must first encounter the God who already sees exactly where you are.

> REFLECTION
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> *Where in your life have you felt too unworthy to be used by God? How does Isaiah's experience challenge that belief?*
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> TRY THIS WEEK
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> Write down one area of your life where you sense God has been calling you but you have been holding back. Bring it before God in prayer today.

DAY 2 Every Believer Has Something to Give

READING · 1 PETER 4:10–11

The verse does not say some have received a gift. It does not say the qualified have received a gift. It says each has received a gift. That includes you. The gift was never meant to sit dormant inside you, admired only by yourself. It was given to serve others. The word steward implies responsibility. You are managing something that belongs to God, something entrusted to you for a purpose beyond yourself. The enemy's greatest lie is that your contribution is too small to matter. But a body missing even one part does not function as it was designed. You are needed.

REFLECTION

Do you genuinely believe you have a God-given gift? If not, what has convinced you otherwise?

TRY THIS WEEK

Ask two people who know you well to describe a strength or gift they observe in you. Compare their answers to what you believe about yourself.

DAY 3 Your Yes Is Someone Else's Answer

READING · ROMANS 12:4–8

Paul describes the church as a body with many members, each functioning differently but working toward the same purpose. This means your decision to engage or disengage does not affect only you. It affects the whole body. Someone is praying right now for a person just like you to show up. They are praying for someone with your background, your experience, your particular kind of compassion. Your obedience is not a private spiritual transaction. It ripples outward into the lives of people you may not yet know. The parking lot volunteer, the children's ministry worker, the greeter with an umbrella—each one is answering someone's prayer without knowing it.

REFLECTION

Can you recall a moment when someone's simple act of service changed the direction of your life? What did their yes cost them?

TRY THIS WEEK

Identify one person in your life who may be praying for someone to show up for them. Take a deliberate step this week to be that person.

DAY 4 Stop Waiting for the Perfect Moment

READING · ECCLESIASTES 11:4–6

The farmer who waits for perfect weather never plants a crop. The person who waits for perfect conditions never steps into their calling. Ecclesiastes is remarkably honest about the uncertainty of life. You do not know which effort will succeed, so you must commit to sowing regardless. Waiting for readiness can become a sophisticated form of disobedience. There will always be a reason to delay: the schedule is too full, the finances are not right, the children are too young, the season is too demanding. God is not asking you to serve when everything aligns. He is asking you to trust Him enough to move before it does.

REFLECTION

What specific condition have you been waiting on before you say yes to God? Is that condition likely to arrive on its own?

TRY THIS WEEK

Identify one step of obedience you have been postponing. Set a specific date this week to take that step, and tell someone who will hold you accountable.

DAY 5 Serving Changes Who You Are Becoming

READING · MATTHEW 9:35–38

Jesus did not simply observe the crowds and move on. He saw them and felt something. The word used to describe His response points to a deep, gut-level compassion, a response that moved from the inside out. Serving others does not just accomplish tasks. It reshapes your interior life. It softens what has become hardened. It opens your eyes to needs you previously walked past. It makes you more like the One you are following. The harvest Jesus described has not diminished. The fields are still full. The workers are still few. The call is not simply to agree that more workers are needed. The call is to become one.

REFLECTION

How has serving others, in any context, changed the way you see people or see yourself?

TRY THIS WEEK

Commit to one consistent act of service for the next 30 days, whether inside your church, your community, or your home. Journal what changes in you as a result.

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Here I Am

OPENING PRAYER & ICE BREAKER

> *Open your time together in prayer, asking God to move each person from agreeing with the idea of serving to actually stepping into it.*

Ice Breaker: Think of someone who played a key role in your story—someone whose yes made a difference in your life. Who was that person and what did they do?

SERMON OVERVIEW

This is the fourth and final message in the Chosen series on serving, drawn from Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-8. The whole series has moved from asking “why me?” to responding “here I am, send me.” This session is designed to help the group move beyond agreeing with the idea of serving to actually saying yes.

KEY SCRIPTURE · ISAIAH 6:8

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Section 1 · Seeing God and Seeing Yourself

1. When Isaiah encountered God's holiness, his first response was not confidence but an honest recognition of his own unworthiness. What does it tell us about God's character that He cleansed Isaiah before calling him, rather than waiting for Isaiah to clean himself up first?
2. God is not looking for people who lead with their qualifications. He is looking for people who lead with humility. Why do you think humility matters more to God than a strong résumé when it comes to serving?
3. Have you ever felt unqualified or too broken to be used by God? How does Isaiah's story speak to that feeling?

Section 2 · The Gift You Have Been Given

1. “There are some people who honestly don't think they have anything to give because the enemy has lied to you.” Do you believe that? Have you ever struggled to identify or believe in your own gift?
2. Using the image of a body from Romans 12, every part matters. What happens to the body of Christ when members hold back their gifts? What does the church miss out on?
3. “Your gift is not for you. It is for other people.” How does that reframe the way you think about the abilities and strengths you have been given?

Section 3 · Your Yes Matters More Than You Know

1. A parking lot volunteer named Cornbread once walked a woman to the door under an umbrella—a woman who had come to church that morning intending to end her life. His small act saved it. Has something that seemed small to someone else ever turned out to be significant to you? Share if you're comfortable.
2. How does it change your motivation to serve when you consider that your yes might be the answer to someone else's prayer?
3. A spectator asks, “What can I get?” A disciple asks, “What can I give?” Which posture do you find yourself defaulting to, and why?

Section 4 · Stop Waiting

1. What are the most common reasons you personally have used to delay saying yes to serving, whether in the church or in your community?
2. “Someday is not on the calendar.” What would it look like for you to stop waiting for the right season and take a step right now?
3. How do you balance being wise and prepared with the danger of using preparation as a reason to never move?

Section 5 · Following, Not Just Agreeing

1. It is possible to agree with the theology of serving and never actually serve. What is the difference between intellectual agreement and genuine obedience in this area?
2. “Who are you developing?” Disciples make disciples. Who in your life are you actively investing in, teaching, or pouring into?

3 By the end of this four-week series, what has God been stirring in you? Is there a specific step you feel called to take?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ✓ God is still looking for people who will say yes: not the most qualified, but the most available.
- ✓ Every believer has been given a gift, and that gift exists to serve others, not to elevate self.
- ✓ Your yes may be the answer to someone else's prayer.
- ✓ Stop waiting for the perfect time. The perfect conditions rarely come.
- ✓ Serving is not about building a platform. It is about becoming more like Jesus.
- ✓ Your yes is not about what you can do. It is about what God can do through you.
- ✓ Serving does not just change what you do. It changes who you are.
- ✓ Jesus is not asking you to agree with Him. He is asking you to follow Him.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Use these as personal commitments or group challenges for the coming week:

Option 1 Take One Concrete Step

Identify one area—inside or outside the church—where you can say yes to serving, and take a concrete step toward it before your next group meeting.

Option 2 Discover Your Gift

Spend time this week asking God to reveal the gift He has placed in you. If you're unsure what it is, ask two or three people who know you well what they see in you.

Option 3 Pray for One Person by Name

Think of someone who has not yet been introduced to Jesus. Pray for them by name each day this week, and ask God to show you how your gift might open a door in their life.

Option 4 Become Part of Someone's Story

Reflect on the question: can anybody look back on their life and say you were a key part of their story? If that feels uncertain, consider one step you could take this week to become that person for someone else.

Option 5 Make Yourself Available

If you've been sitting on the sidelines, reach out to your church's volunteer coordinator this week and have a conversation about where you might fit.

CLOSING PRAYER

> *Close your group time in prayer, asking God to move each member from agreement to action. Pray specifically that each person would have the courage of Isaiah—not confidence in their own ability, but confidence in God's ability to work through them. Ask God to show each person clearly where He is calling them to say, "Here I am. Send me."*

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The question is no longer "why me?" It is "here I am. Send me."

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